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1. On 13 August 1953, a unit with about 15 trucks, 16 large amphibious cars, 1 crane truck, 29 trucks, each carrying 2 pontoons and timber; 5 trucks, loaded with billeting equipment and boards; and 1 motorboat left the Dessau-Aken engineer camp toward Dessau. [REDACTED] the troops observed carried full field pack. As the commanding officer, Galatan (fmu), was seen with the column, source concluded that the unit left for a major exercise. 1
2. On 29 July, a shipment of 12 x 37-mm AA guns and about 10 trucks was seen on the Berlin-Dessau railroad line between Brueck and Belzig, en route toward Dessau.
3. At about 6 p.m. on 3 August, an undetermined number of trains, carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns, about 25 to 30 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 1 jeep and 7 to 8 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia passed through Belitz, coming from the direction of Wildpark-Seddin and proceeding toward Jueterbog. 2
4. At about 4 p.m. on 4 August, billeting equipment, boxes and several engines on blocks, which source believed were fire engines, were loaded on 8 to 10 boxcars at the Jueterbog-Altes Lager railroad station. [REDACTED] seen during the loading. 25X1C
5. Troop trains passing through the Satzkorn railroad station on 5 August included a train carrying 10 x 76-mm field guns, 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 field kitchens, 1 sedan, 45 trucks, 10 boxcarloads of troops and 2 boxcarloads of ammunition and equipment, which went toward Forst Zinna at 2:30 a.m.; and a train carrying 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 10 prime movers, 12 trucks, 8 boxcarloads of troops and 1 boxcarload of ammunition, which went toward Neustrelitz at about 3:30 a.m. 3

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6. The following columns, which source believed came from the direction of Goerlitz and proceeded toward Dresden-Nickern, were seen in Dresden:

1 August. A column of 24 trucks, each towing a 76-mm AT gun; 2 trucks, 1 jeep and 1 sedan at about 2:30 a.m.

5 August. A column of 31 trucks, each occupied by about 15 soldiers wearing steel helmets and armed with submachine guns and carbines; 1 ambulance and 1 radio truck at about 0:30 a.m.

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